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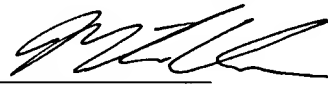
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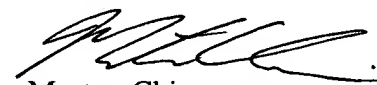
Response A

Dear Sir

In response to the office action dated October 9, 2002 (Paper 8) in the above identified patent application, Applicants elects to prosecute the claims of group II, claims 8 - 17 directed to methods for directing cell differentiation.

Applicant withdraws claims 1 - 7 and 18 - 46 without prejudice and expressly reserves the right to prosecute these claims at a later date in this or a subsequently filed related application.

Respectfully submitted,


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